

Report to / Rapport au:

**OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD
LA COMMISSION DE SERVICES POLICIERS D'OTTAWA**

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**SUBJECT: PARTICIPATION BY THE OTTAWA POLICE SERVICE IN THE
ONTARIO NALOXONE PROGRAM**

**OBJET: PARTICIPATION DU SERVICE DE POLICE D'OTTAWA AU
PROGRAMME ONTARIEN DE DISTRIBUTION DE NALOXONE**

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the Ottawa Police Service's participation in the Ontario Naloxone Program by entering into a formal agreement with Ottawa Public Health.

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que la Commission de services policiers d'Ottawa approuve la participation du Service de police d'Ottawa au Programme ontarien de distribution de naloxone en concluant une entente officielle avec Santé publique Ottawa.

BACKGROUND

Naloxone is a potentially life-saving drug that is administered in situations in which opioid overdoses are suspected to have occurred.

As part of the city wide response to the opioid crisis, the distribution of naloxone to all trained Ottawa Police Service (OPS) members was approved in May 2017. Making this life saving drug available to sworn members helps them to assist in situations involving overdoses or exposure to opioids.

DISCUSSION

OPS members began to carry naloxone in June 2017. Training of OPS members was provided in partnership with Ottawa Public Health (OPH) and Ottawa Paramedic Services. To date, over 800 naloxone kits have been issued to sworn members and they have been used in six situations. The cost for the initial roll-out of Naloxone was over \$100,000.

The key challenges of the Naloxone program are the cost of the drug and the need to replace it upon expiry. Naloxone has a limited shelf life (approximately 18 – 24 months), and must be discarded upon expiry, thereby necessitating the purchase of replacement supplies at regular intervals. OPS has a budget provision of \$50,000 for this purpose.

In January 2018, the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services issued a memorandum to all Ontario Chiefs of Police announcing the expansion of the Ontario Naloxone Program (ONP) to police services. Eligible police services can enroll in the ONP and will receive free naloxone through their local Public Health Unit.

Ottawa Public Health (OPH) has worked with staff and determined that the OPS's naloxone-related practices qualify it for participation in the free Naloxone program, including:

- The direction about Naloxone use that has been provided to OPS members through Office of the Chief messaging;
- The requirement for OPS members to complete the Naloxone Administration Report Form to document incidents during which Naloxone is administered; and
- The training OPS provides to educate members about the safe and appropriate use of Naloxone.

Participation in the ONP requires the OPSB and the OPH to enter into a formal agreement. The Board Solicitor has reviewed a draft Service Level Agreement (Document 1) and did not identify any concerns.

CONSULTATION

The OPS has consulted with Ottawa Public Health throughout this work.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Participating in the ONP will result in a budget savings of \$50,000 in the 2019 budget.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Document 1: Draft Service Level Agreement

CONCLUSION

Participation in the Ontario Naloxone Program will support the continued distribution of Naloxone kits to all trained sworn members and will result in a 2019 budget savings of \$50,000.